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Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex Site Update and Public Meeting

By the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences

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Public meeting March 2

ASARCO and ARCO will describe and answer questions about the proposed Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex 1994 voluntary interim remedial actions during a public meeting in Lincoln. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Hall. Oral public comment will be solicited during this meeting. ASARCO and ARCO will respond in writing to public and agency comments on the 1994 voluntary interim remedial actions.

1993 Activities

ASARCO and ARCO conducted voluntary interim remedial actions at the Lower Carbonate and Mike Horse mine sites in 1993. The Lower Carbonate tailings and mine waste were removed, treated with lime and placed in a repository located at the Upper Carbonate Mine site. Final design of the surface of the Lower Carbonate area and top of the repository will be completed in 1994.

A stream diversion was constructed along a portion of Mike Horse Creek to decrease the amount of surface flow entering the underground workings. A portion of Mike Horse Creek was excavated and rip-rap was placed in the channel. The Mike Horse treatability pond was partially constructed in 1993 and will be completed in 1994. This pond will be a pre-treatment pond for the Mike Horse adit acid mine drainage.

1994 Activities

The 1994 voluntary interim remedial actions proposed by ASARCO and ARCO include treatment of acid mine drainage from the Mike Horse adit using wetlands, construction of a waste repository, and reclamation of various mining wastes located within the Anaconda and Mike Horse Mine areas.

Questions ?

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